

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Duane Ankney, on January 17, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Keith Regier (R)  
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)  
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 93, 1/11/2017; SB 101, 1/11/2017

00:00:11 Chair Ankney

**HEARING ON SB 93**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:53 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 93, Provide notification at certain dwellings for oil and gas operations.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:52 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:12:31 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)  
[EXHIBIT\(ens12a01\)](#)

00:16:07 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center  
00:17:05 Brenda Lindlief-Hall, Tongue River Water Users Association

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:56 Sen. Barrett  
00:21:12 Sen. Richmond  
00:22:29 Sen. McNally  
00:26:24 Sen. Richmond  
00:27:34 Sen. Tempel  
00:27:48 Sen. Richmond  
00:29:09 Sen. Connell  
00:31:15 Sen. Richmond  
00:31:36 Sen. Malek  
00:32:08 Mr. Haight, NPRC  
00:32:55 Sen. Malek  
00:40:23 Sen. Richmond

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:42:03 Sen. Richmond

**HEARING ON SB 101**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:58 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 101, Repeal ethanol mandate.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\*\*](#)(ens12a02)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:49:47 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association

00:50:09 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Stores Association

00:50:42 David Herbst, Americans For Prosperity - Montana

00:55:35 Lee Sturdevant, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

00:58:36 Chair Ankney

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:59:09 Sen. Richmond

01:00:23 Chair Ankney

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:03 PM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([ens12aad.pdf](#))